enterprises. However, 177 out of 222 public sector enterprises earned an estimated profit of Rs. 2175.73 crores in 9 months period ending 31st December, 1989.

(c) The steps taken by Government to increase the profitability of public sector enterprises are listed at page 90 of the Public Enterprises Survey 1988-89 (Volume-I) placed on the Table of the House on 15-3-1990.

Prices of Dexona range formulations

1583. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 2443 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th August, 1989 and state:

(a) what were the prices of Dexona range of formulations at the commencement of Drugs Prices Control Order 1979;

(b) when was the price of these formulations fixed for the first time under DPCO, 1979;

(c) whether it is a fact that the company never implemented these prices;

(d) what was the price charged by the company for the formulations and what is the amount due from them;

(e) what was the price charged of the bulk drug in their formulations and what is the notified price and what was the mark up enjoyed by the company; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the company is importing the bulk drug, if so, since when and what was the landed cost of import when the formulation prices were fixed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (f) The information, to the extent available, is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ayurvedic college in Rohru

1584. SHRI MAULANA ASAD MADNI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up an Ayurvedic College in Rohru under Shimla District during the Eighth Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) The Central Government have no proposal to set up an Ayurvedic College in Rohru during the Eighth Plan.

Effects of laser treatment

1585. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *'Indian Express'* of the 11th March, 1990 captioned 'Leaser treatment may cause visual loss'; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the news item captioned 'Laser Treatment may cause visual loss' in the *'Indian Express'* of 11th March, 1990. However, Laser treatment does not cause visual loss if used properly. Therefore no steps need to be taken in this regard.

Combating Blindness in rural areas

1586. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that blindness is a major problem in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether the Central Government have taken or propose to take any steps to provide specialised eye care services particularly in the rural areas; and